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WATCHDOG

Shredding of government records raises red flag



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A report by two government watchdogs on the shredding of records after last May's election has uncovered "troubling findings" and indications "confusion and inconsistency" are commonplace when it comes to shredding government files.

Information and Privacy Commissioner Jill Clayton and the Public Interest Commissioner Peter Hourihan investigated the shredding of documents at Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD) right after the election,

which ended 44 years of Progressive Conservative governance.

Among the investigation's findings were that 344 boxes of ESRD records were destroyed with little documentation as to what was shredded or why.

Clayton said it's possible those records may have been import-

ant government documents that are now lost for good. She added there was no indication they were destroyed as part of a coverup.

"There was no evidence of wrongdoing. There was no evidence of intentional destruction of documents," she said.

While investigating the specific incident, Clayton said they found a sense records management wasn't taken seriously in government. She said changes should be brought in to ensure people protect government records and are punished if they don't.

Alberta Party Leader Greg Clark was among the first to raise the issue and said it's un-

fortunate the NDP didn't move more quickly to deal with the situation.

"There is a big risk that this information was shredded maliciously, to hide information that is potentially

damning," he said.

Progressive Conservative Leader Ric McIver said the Tories support changes to improve the system and added, "We are pleased to see that this report determined that the allegations of (intentional) wrongdoing were unfounded."

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Police feel they have line on car used in two killings

INVESTIGATION

Honda ID'd with pair of suspects inside



Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Calgary police have located a vehicle used in the August killing of David Quach, and believe it was also used during another homicide in 2015.

"We have information that we believe the two occupants of that vehicle were directly involved in the David Quach homicide and may be involved in another homicide investigation," said Staff Sgt. Doug Andrus of the Calgary Police Service homicide unit.

A joint operation, between the CPS Drug Unit and the Auto Theft Team, which stemmed from an anonymous public tip in August 2015, has also led to the arrest of three individuals allegedly connected to an organized crime ring believed to be trafficking fentanyl and stolen vehicles.



We know that they were distributing fentanyl.

Staff Sgt. Martin Schiavetta



Police located this Honda Civic while executing a search warrant. The vehicle has since been repainted. CALGARY POLICE SERVICE

Andrus said CPS is looking for the owner of the vehicle, a Honda Civic, for questioning, and to determine why this vehicle (which has been repainted) was at this scene, and the relationship, if any, between those arrested and the owner of the vehicle.

On Jan. 5, two consecutive search warrants were executed in the 0-100 block of Sage Hill Gardens NW.

Police seized 14 fentanyl

pillars, 2.8 grams of methamphetamine, 179 grams of marijuana, an electronic scale, four stolen skid steers, a stolen travel trailer and a Honda Civic.

"Although only a small amount of drugs were located when the warrant was executed, investigators believe the property was being used to store and distribute a substantial amount of drugs, including fentanyl," said Staff Sgt. Kristie Verheul of the CPS economic

crimes unit.

Staff Sgt. Martin Schiavetta said there's no indication fentanyl was being manufactured or reprocessed at the home.

"We know that they were, however, distributing fentanyl on a daily basis," he said.

It's alleged that stolen vehicles were being brought to the property as a form of currency and may have been destined for resale. The total

value of the stolen property recovered is estimated to be \$220,000.

Haitham Ramadan, 23, Kacy Cedric Savoie, 28, and Patrick Eric Boucher, 40, have been charged in relation to the drug and stolen vehicle investigation.

They will next appear in court on Jan. 27, 2016.

The investigation continues and further charges are likely, police said.

TRANSPORTATION

Funding gap hits \$190M



Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

The city is looking at an annual \$190-million gap between the transportation projects it wants to build, and the ones it can afford.

That number, highlighted in a report delivered by the city's transportation general manager Mac Logan in January of last year, hasn't changed much in the past year.

Travis Gaede, business strategist for the transportation department, said changes of government at the provincial and federal levels have changed the nature of the funding, but the gap remains. He said on the whole, the city has a \$5.6-billion list of infrastructure projects over the next decade, and a \$3.7-billion funding projection over that same time.

The city counts on revenue from sources such as provincial and federal fuel taxes, civic taxes, and developer levies to pay for transportation projects.

Gaede said when the city doesn't have the funding for a project, such as the planned Crowchild Trail Bow River crossing, the project gets set aside until the funding can be found.

Coun. Evan Woolley said the gap is a real concern, but he's hopeful because both of the new provincial and federal governments ran on a campaign of infrastructure spending.

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THINGS TO LOOK FOR AT CITY HALL

You could say we're into the third quarter of this council's time in office. As Calgary city council prepares to sit down for its first meeting of 2016 on Monday, here are five things to watch for in the coming year. **BRODIE THOMAS** METRO

**1 Ward boundaries**

In the fall, the Ward Boundary Commission gave council a map detailing how it thought the city should redraw its ward boundaries for the 2017 election. Council thanked the commission for its work and then members sent the map back to city administration for more adjustments. There's a tight deadline — the city's returning officer needs the boundaries finalized so she can prepare for the election.

2 Green Line funding

Not every councillor is on board for the Green Line, the \$4.6-billion project that would see a third CTrain rail line running north to south. The federal government has committed to one-third of the projected cost, and the city has found \$1.52 billion to be spread over 30 years. The remaining piece of the puzzle is the provincial government. The city is counting on Alberta to pay for the final third of the overall cost.

**4 Eau Claire development**

The city's downtown core has a reputation for being less than lively once the offices close down and workers head home. A new plan for the community of Eau Claire could go a long way in breathing new life into the city core. The developers are anxious to get started but, during a December meeting, citizens opposed the plans to add even more office space as part of a stunning architectural proposal.

3 West Ring Road

In the 60-plus years since Calgary first announced the ring road, the circle is still not yet completely closed. Technically, it's a provincial road and a provincial issue, but the city obviously has a big stake in seeing this done. What remains to be seen is how hard the city will push the province to get the final nine-kilometre section done — if it makes that push at all.

**5 Integrity commissioner**

After reports of misbehaviour early in 2015, council agreed they'd hire a part-time integrity commissioner to handle complaints about councillors, which would otherwise be handled in council. The decision was made in February of 2015 but no hires have been announced yet. Mayor Naheed Nenshi said the commissioner would also act as an adviser to council.

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HEALTH

Low turnout cuts short flu-shot clinics



Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

At a time when the flu is normally at its most rampant, Calgarians just aren't lining up.

As a result, Alberta Health Services (AHS) has reduced the number of days people can walk in to get their flu shot.

"Things have quieted down," said Dr. Judy MacDonald, medical

officer of health in the Calgary Zone. "Demand has been low so we reduced clinic days."

Prior to the change — which occurred in January — clinics were open six days a week at four locations in Calgary.

Now, walk-ins are available at three clinics on Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays.

In fact, fewer Calgarians received their flu shot this year compared to this time last year.

As of Thursday, 416,161

doses of the flu vaccine were given to Albertans in the Calgary Zone, a dip of 61,927 inoculations from 478,088 that were given on Jan. 7, 2015.

"Every year is different," MacDonald said. "It's impossible to really know what people are thinking."

As for the province, there have been 1,016,679 vaccinations so far this year, a drop of 155,257 compared with Jan. 7, 2015.

Though demand for the vaccine has dwindled, MacDonald said she expects more Albertans to get their shots by the end of January.

"There's still time, and it's a good time to get vaccinated for your body to respond (to the virus)," she said. "We're not out of the woods yet."

The province has more than two million doses on hand and hopes to immunize 40 per cent of the population.

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Shelley Musselman's Facebook post looking for her niece was shared more than 17,000 times. COURTESY SHELLEY MUSSELMAN

Sister helps ill mom find daughter

CAMPAIGN

Social media helps locate baby given up for adoption



Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

In June 2015, after doctors found a tumour in her brain and diagnosed her with stage 4 cancer, Ida Bajnoczi made the decision to find the daughter she gave up for adoption when she was just 16 years old.

This week, Bajnoczi found her.

"All I can say is, it's a giant relief, and I'm still in shock," said her sister Shelley Musselman, who spearheaded the search. "I don't think it's completely sunk in yet."

Their efforts began in earnest when Musselman posted a photo to Facebook, asking for help finding her niece. She shared the birth name, date and hospital and the post spread wide across social media. Metro News wrote about her efforts and Musselman was connected with

Tracey Montgomery, a member of the Facebook group called Search Squad.

Montgomery, who provides her services for free, went through a process she's become very familiar with.

She helped Musselman fill out a number of forms, submit them to the government, and then go through the information they received — a list of names.

"It's a lot of cold calling," said Montgomery. "More or less, you go through different voters lists from the past, pick up the phone and start calling."

Musselman got to work, and asked the people on the list about their birth names

and birth dates. Finally, she found a match.

"We spent many hours yesterday just messaging each other," said Montgomery. "I'm giving her all the space she

needs, because we don't want to interfere in her life. We just want to get to know her. We're taking it slowly."

Montgomery said her sister is nervous, but very excited. She hopes anyone else looking for a birth parent or child never gives up hope — and isn't afraid to reach out for help.

I'm still in shock ... I don't think it's completely sunk in yet.

Shelley Musselman

Despite boom, troubles loom

SERVICE INDUSTRY

Banff tourism still strong, but labour crunch intensifying



Darren Krause
Metro | Calgary

There's a labour shortage in Banff — one that's the result of a strong greenback, favourable weather and changes to national immigration policy.

And it's only expected to get worse.

It's one of the bright spots in Alberta's struggling economy, as tourists continue to flock to the Banff and Lake Louise area, a boon for local businesses.

Darren Reeder, executive director of the Banff & Lake Louise Hospitality Association, called the last year in the national park "rock solid," and they expect that trend to continue in 2016.

"It was an electric atmosphere along Banff Avenue this summer. There was hustle, there was bustle, it was a reminder of those days when people arrived from the U.K. and other international markets ... It felt very international, very festive," he said.

Reeder said room occupancy saw a four per cent growth year-over-year, an important indicator in showing not only visitation from tourists, but that visitors are staying in the area and spending dollars. They're even seeing growth in overnight stays during their so-called "slower months."

Of course, a weaker Canadian dollar has helped the area "reconnect" with the U.S. tourism market, and anecdotally Reeder said they've seen a greater number of U.S. license plates showing up in



Banff and Lake Louise have seen a sharp year-over-year growth in tourists — especially from the U.S. It's expected to continue to show strength well in 2016 and even 2017. COURTESY PAUL ZIZKA / BANFF & LAKE LOUISE TOURISM

the area through the summer and into the fall.

It's expected the strong growth will continue in 2016 and even 2017.

According to information from the Canada West Ski Areas Association, who represents 134 ski areas and 157 ski industry suppliers, they're enjoying some of the best revenue in years. Some resorts have seen a 200 per cent increase in U.S. business alone.

Kurt Schroeder from Banff & Lake Louise Tourism said early numbers show 2016 could be stronger than 2015.

"I go back to all the trigger



If we don't stabilize our labour force needs, then us being the bright light in the Alberta (economy) might start to diminish a little. Darren Reeder

points in September, October, November — I go back to those and they continue to reflect, I would dare to say, potentially significant double-digit growth.

Despite the boom times, Reeder said there's trouble on the horizon. Labour shortage continues to be a problem in the area and a 1/3 increase in

attrition rates in their management ranks exacerbates it.

"Despite being an incredibly strong year for tourism, despite the fact we've had a lot of jobs to fill, we've had to make do with fewer and fewer people as a part of our labour force," he said.

He said money isn't the issue. As many are service in-

dustry jobs or in the house-keeping area, the response they get from applicants who don't take the open spots is often that they found something easier to do.

Further restriction from the government's changes to the Temporary Foreign Worker program have limited the number of people willing to work in the Banff and Lake Louise area.

While they've managed to maintain a high level of service, Reeder said it may not be sustainable. And it could turn one of the province's good news economic stories into a sorry tale.

REPORT

Hockey: Boys hit hardest to head



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

New research from the Injury Prevention Centre at the University of Alberta shows that of all hockey players, boys between the ages of five and nine are most likely to be diagnosed with concussions.

One in four boys who are injured playing hockey in Calgary are diagnosed with a concussion — the highest of any age range.

"There are a lot of things that make boys at that age susceptible to concussions," says Kathy Belton, associate director of the Centre. "They may just be learning to play, they may not know how to stop that well on skates."

"This age group and boys in general are bigger risk takers than the average female."

Belton said the statistics are a reminder to players, parents and coaches about the risks of concussions.

Alberta emergency rooms see nearly 8,000 hockey-related injury visits per year, with more than 2,500 of those in Calgary, according to the Centre.

Belton says that most concussions result from a collision with another object, especially when the other object or person is moving fast, making athletes likely candidates. She notes that concussions are brain injuries that require specific treatment and rest for a full recovery.

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Teen opposes suicide T-shirts

ONLINE CAMPAIGN

Calgary girl asks Amazon to quit selling 'offensive' items

A Calgary teen has launched a campaign asking Amazon to stop selling T-shirts that she says stigmatize people with mental health issues.

Maggie Harder, 14, said she first heard about shirts that joke about suicide and depression through friends, some of whom were personally affected by these issues.

After a little research, the ninth-grader started a letter-writing campaign to Amazon headquarters in Seattle. It asks the online retailer to stop selling T-shirts featuring messages she described as "incredibly offensive."

"It all relates back to stigma. And stigma is a huge, huge issue," Harder told Torstar News Service Thursday.

"Having these shirts displayed shows that having a mental illness is no big deal, or something to laugh about, which is completely false. It is something that should be taken very seriously and treated as though it's a physical illness."

An estimated 10 to 20 per

cent of Canadian youth are affected by a mental illness or disorder, according to the Canadian Mental Health Association, and suicide is the second-leading cause of death for Canadians between ages 15 and 24.

Harder said she has sent Amazon six or seven letters since late summer but has not received a response.

Harder's Liberate Minds campaign page also advocates for

cutting out words like “crazy” and “insane” from peoples’ vocabularies.

Harder said she hopes raising awareness about mental health will help save lives.

"Really, it shows people that their illness is a serious issue and that it's OK to seek help," she said.

Amazon did not immediately respond to Torstar's request for comment.

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NEIL BANTLEMAN

CBC evidence says teacher isn't guilty

New medical evidence revealed by CBC show the fifth estate challenges the legitimacy of the case against a former Calgary teacher accused of sexually assaulting three kindergartners at an elite school in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The medical test results, coupled with a lack of physical evidence, add a further twist to Neil Bantleman's ordeal.

"This is a complete miscarriage of justice and we will continue to fight until the truth comes out," he says in the documentary "Nightmare in Indonesia," which airs Friday at 9 p.m.

Bantleman was sentenced to 10 years in prison in April 2015. The 45-year-old Burlington native, who once taught at Calgary's Webber Academy, is out of prison after an acquittal for technical reasons. He cannot leave Indonesia while the Jakarta prosecutor's office prepares an appeal.

"My husband, Neil, is innocent," says Tracy Bantleman, his wife and a fellow teacher.

The case generated global headlines and heated condemnation of Indonesia's justice system, even as the mother of one of the three alleged victims continues to insist her son was

raped by Bantleman.

Tests submitted in Bantleman's trial by the mother, who goes by the name Pipit, showed her son had contracted the herpes virus. These tests, which she said proved the child had been raped, became crucial evidence against Bantleman.

At the CBC's request, Pipit agreed to have her son retested at a reputable European lab. That test came back negative, according to Dr. Sumon Chakrabarti, an infectious disease specialist in Toronto who reviewed the file for the fifth estate.

"Beyond a reasonable doubt this child has not ever been exposed to herpes," he said, adding the new test retroactively proves the test used in court to convict Bantleman was a false positive. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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No Monopoly for Calgary's thriving board-game cafés

ENTERTAINMENT

Minds boggle as businesses take city with no resistance



Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Calgarians are rolling the dice on a different kind of entertainment.

The city's first board-game cafés opened in December, and already two more are prepping their Monopoly boards and shuffling their Jenga pieces for launch in January and February.

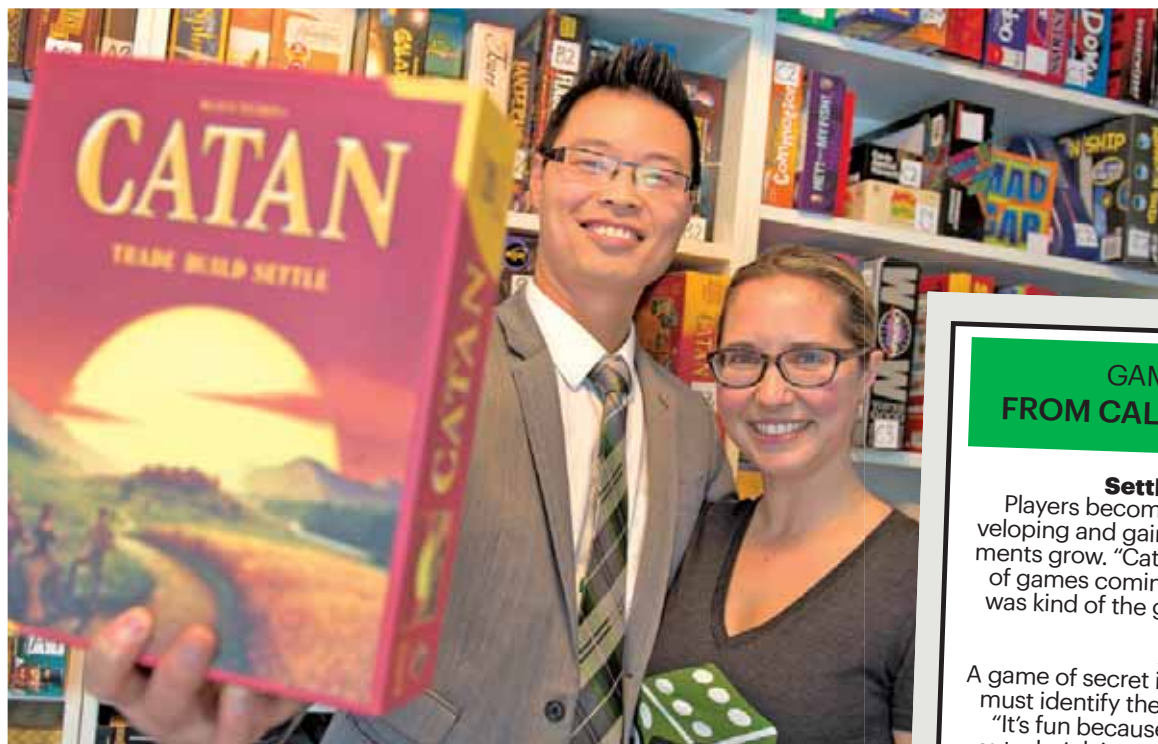
John Tam, co-owner of PiPs Board Game Café in Marda Loop, said they've seen wait times as long as two hours on their busy nights.

Tam said that while many businesses see a dip in traffic post-Christmas, many board-game cafés see an increase. Jan. 2 was PiPs busiest day since launch.

Nancy Lee, owner of Boxcar Board Game Café, which opens in February, said Calgarians are looking for an alternative social experience.

"You kind of noticed it with the beer halls coming together with the large, common tables," said Lee. "There's bowling now, there's Ping-Pong, so I think Calgarians are looking for something different. We're looking to unplug ourselves from our technology and start talking with each other — and board games are a great way to do that."

Pascal Espinosa and Dorota Ulkowska, owners of Metal



John and Danni Tam, owners of PiPs Board Game Café, said part of the appeal is having something to focus on when the conversation stalls. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Galaxy, said there has been a demand in Calgary for board-game cafés for some time, as their popularity has surged in other cities around the country.

"The weather is just so appropriate for some people to get together inside and socialize in this way," said Espinosa. "It's not a direct social interaction, but it's very healthy, where you're kind of interacting through the game and you get to know people's different sides."

Pascal's Metal Galaxy has operated for several years. He said he's been planning for some time to add a bistro side to his operation, to allow people to sit down and play games in the store. The bistro section finally opens on Jan. 14.

All three cafés have been in the works for some time. Tam said it was just chance that they all happened to open within a short period. He said, however, that Calgary's appetite and

population are large enough that he expects them all to do extremely well.

"Everyone comes in with a smile and leaves with a smile," said Tam.

"And whether or not it's competitive, you're in public, so there's lots of witnesses if you want to do something that's not so sportsmanlike."

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DISASTER RELIEF

Province talks to summer flood victims

The Alberta government is beginning to meet with residents affected by a massive rain and hail storm which flooded streets in Chestermere last July.

Residents in Chestermere and Rocky View County will have until March 16 to apply for disaster relief funding because of last summer's storm.

Municipal Affairs Minister Danielle Larivee told residents the \$9 million program will

deal with uninsurable losses.

She promises the reviews will be done on a case-by-case basis.

Larivee, who's from Slave Lake, says she understands the stress that residents are going through because she had to deal with the fallout from the massive fire there a few years ago.

Resident Brenda Weisenburger says there's a concern that insurance may not cover

"I hope we can relieve some of the anxiety and stress caused by the storm."

Danielle Larivee

total damage and is hoping to find out if the province will step in.

"Neighbours did have an

issue as they have coverage of \$35,000 and \$50,000," she said following the meeting.

"That doesn't go very far when you have to re-do your house."

Larivee told residents she hopes disaster relief funding will help them.

"I hope we can relieve some of the anxiety and stress caused by the storm," Larivee said.

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A homeless man takes shelter in Calgary.

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DATA COLLECTION

National count of homeless underway in urban centres



Brodie Thomas
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The federal government will be following Alberta's lead as it prepares to count the homeless in 30 cities across Canada, between now and April.

Calgary will not be taking part in the national count, according to Diana Krecsy, president and CEO of the Calgary Homeless Foundation.

She said the federal government has been looking to Alberta for guidance on this plan, but Calgary couldn't support the 2016 federal count for several reasons. Krecsy said Calgary, along with seven other Alberta cities, have been doing regular fall counts in the fall since 2014, and they want to continue that pattern to keep their data consistent.

She also noted the winter months are an especially stressful time for community part-

ners that help the homeless. Since volunteers are needed for the point-in-time counts, Calgary and other cities have found the fall is a better time.

"We're supporting (the federal government), but unfortunately, they're not listening to our recommendation not to (conduct the) count in January," she said.

Krecsy said Calgary will lose out on funding that's being made available for cities that are taking part in the federal count.

A spokesperson for the federal department of Employment and Social Development Canada, the department behind the federal count, confirmed they

based their strategy in part on input from the Alberta group.

In an email, the spokesperson said because of that input, they doubled the time frame of the counts.

Counts can now be conducted between January and April, instead of between January and February.

Krecsy said while data collection is an important tool in the fight against homelessness, folks shouldn't lose sight of the goal.

"Let's get down to solving the problem, and not continuing to study the issue," she said.

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Diana Krecsy

EDUCATION WHAT MAKES A GREAT TEACHER?

We've all had great educators in our lives — the ones that really make an impact. So what makes them special? With teacher award nominations on the horizon, we asked one of last years winners from Calgary.



Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

1 Connects with students

Kamal Johal said the best thing a teacher can do is learn about their students individually — more than just their learning habits and skill levels.

"Find out their likes at dislikes, find out what they do," she said. "Do they play hockey, are they in dance or art? There are so many things you need to get to know them. Once you build that relationship, the learning will happen."

2 Extracurricular activities

An excellent teacher is available outside of just classroom hours.

"When I walk past her classroom at lunch and see her sharing her classroom with students, helping them do some extra math or sponsoring a science club. If she's not helping students, she's helping the clubs," said Marilyn Russell, the principal who nominated Johal for the award last year.

Johal said teachers build relationships with students by helping out with their interests — and keeping an open-door policy.

3 Experience

Johal has been a teacher for more than 18 years, and she said the one thing she's learned, whether in a teacher's first year or 15th year, is to always keep learning.

"Teaching is one of those dynamic careers, where every year you're teaching a different group of kids," she said. "The nervousness, I think we all have that."



Kamal Johal was one of two CBE teachers who won a 2015 Excellence in Teaching Award.
JENNIFER FRIESEN / FOR METRO

4 Learns from other teachers

Johal said one of her greatest resources are the other staff at her school. She shares her ideas on lesson plans.

"You're asking them, Hey, how are you doing this, or what are you teaching in your class?" she explained.

"Because all of us don't want to teach the same lesson every year in the same way."

She said teachers come from different backgrounds: Some may specialize in certain subjects like biology, or have different life experiences that can contribute to teaching or getting through to students in diverse situations.

5 The little things

Children mimic behaviour, so Johal said an excellent teacher always sets the example — in ways big and small.

"I learned a long time ago, every kid in the hallway, whether you teach them or not, you say hello to them," she said. "Every kid, they need to be acknowledged."

Johal said it creates a rebound effect— but modelling positive behaviour for kids, they'll start to repeat that behaviour, and show that same respect elsewhere in their lives.

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DRONE DO'S AND DON'TS

The Calgary police are offering a little bit of post-holiday etiquette for those of you who got an unmanned aerial vehicle for Christmas. Det. Lawrence Mooney said they're now being called to one or more incidents a week. Here are some basic do's and don'ts of droning in Calgary: **METRO**

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Transport Canada regulations guide the use of drone in the country, but there's some common things you can do to make sure you don't fly into trouble. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE



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Lindsay McKay and her daughter, Micah, flip through an Angry Birds book with Dr. Antonia Stang at the Children's Hospital Thursday. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

Pain program brings relief

CHILDREN

Survey says scale, comfort menu help ease discomfort

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Micah Shaw doesn't normally tell strangers how she's feeling, according to her mom Lindsay.

So when Micah, 5, broke her wrist in December, Lindsay was relieved to see that the Alberta Children's Hospital (ACH) had comfort menus and pain scales available.

The scales — which kids use to tell how they're feeling by selecting a number between one and 10 — are part of ACH's Commitment to Comfort program, a new initiative to comfort kids in pain while waiting in the emergency department.

Options in the comfort menus include things like ice-packs, needle-free administration, blankets, light wands and mobile tablets.

Micah who was waiting for check-up on her wrist on Thursday, passed time by playing with an Angry Birds book.

"It's always intimidating when you're going to a place like a hospital," Lindsay said. "So, when we came here and saw they had the pain scale and these other things to make her feel comfortable, the hospital became less intimidating."

Two years ago, ACH initiated a survey that found 18 per cent of kids felt their pain was not being managed effectively. It also found 15 per cent of children said they would have taken pain medication, though none was offered to them.

The survey prompted ACH to find ways to ease kids' pain and, since launching Commitment to Comfort, five per cent of children now say their pain is not being managed effectively, according to Dr. Jennifer Thull-Freedman, who works in the emergency department.

We want families to know that we want their input.

Dr. Jennifer Thull-Freedman

"We would like that (number) to be at zero per cent," she said.

"We want families to know that we want their input, and we want them to know about the options available to them."

As for Micah, she seemed to be enjoying her Angry Birds book.

"Does the book make you feel better?" Lindsay asked Micah. Micah smiled.

"I'm going to say yes," Lindsay said.

COURT

Inquiry to be held after judge's comments in sex assault case

Alberta's justice minister has forced an inquiry into a Federal Court judge who asked a sexual assault complainant why she couldn't keep her knees together.

The Canadian Judicial Council says the inquiry, which is likely to be public, will determine whether Justice Robin Camp should be removed from his job.

An inquiry is held automatic-

ally when a provincial justice minister requests one.

The council had already ordered a review panel to examine the judge's decision in a 2014 case when he was a provincial court judge in Calgary.

Camp acquitted a man of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old girl after deciding that the man's version of events was more credible.

He asked her, "Why couldn't you just keep your knees together?" and said "pain and sex sometimes go together."

The judge also told the accused after he found him not guilty that all men have to be more gentle and careful with women, and that he should pass the message onto his friends so they wouldn't get into trouble.

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IN BRIEF

March of the penguins on Saturday morning

The Calgary Zoo's famous king penguin walk returns this Saturday at 11 a.m.

"A daily walk is a positive enrichment tool for the king penguins," says zoo curator Dr. Malu Celli.

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A 'celebratory' Rodeo for 2016

SCENE YYC

One Yellow Rabbit looking to honour late co-founder



Lisa Wilton
Metro | Calgary

Ann Connors kept one thing in mind while putting together the 30th-anniversary edition of the One Yellow Rabbit High Performance Rodeo — it had to mean something special to Calgary.

"When I started programming it, I wanted it to have a real impact on our own artists here," says Connors, who is in her third year as festival producer.

The internationally renowned experimental theatre festival features plenty of locally sourced content, including an exciting new piece from the One Yellow Rabbit ensemble titled *Calgary, I Love You, But You're Killing Me*; and the Calgary Songs Project, curated by musician Kenna Burima and



The High Performance Rodeo is celebrating 30 years with a variety of performances like this one, showing Cheri Maracle in Paddle Song. The experimental theatre festival runs until Jan. 31. CONTRIBUTED

Calgary Cassette Preservation Society mastermind Arif Ansari.

"It's a big project," Connors says of the latter production.

"We received hundreds and hundreds of songs (performed or written by Calgary artists) and Kenna had to cull it down to 30."

Those carefully chosen tracks

will play every day at noon throughout the Rodeo from speakers in the "Galleria Trees," located in front of Bankers Hall on Stephen Avenue. Six local bands will also perform the songs live on Jan. 15 at the Royal Canadian Legion #1.

The High Performance Rodeo

— which runs at various venues until Jan. 31 — has grown significantly since its borderline illegal launch in a downtown office building in 1986. Back then, audience members were basically snuck into the space after hours to watch theatre pieces that were, at the time,

pretty cutting-edge for Calgary.

The brainchild of late OYR co-founder Michael Green, the Rodeo has become one of Canada's premier arts festivals.

Green was killed in a car crash in Saskatchewan last February and Connors admits the One Yellow Rabbit family — and

+ DETAILS

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indeed the entire Calgary arts community — was in a daze for several weeks.

"People asked us if we were going to continue with the festival," she says.

"But quitting was never really a consideration."

Connors describes this year's High Performance Rodeo as "celebratory," in honour of Green and OYR sound designer Richard McDowell, who died in 2014.

"We wanted to keep it as fun as possible, because that's what Michael would have wanted," Connors says.

"But also recognizing that we've lost him. That was a challenge, but we did it. We put together something he would have been proud of."

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Maracle challenges stereotypes in new play

SCENE Q&A

Actress finds parallels with Mohawk poet of Paddle Song

Hailing from the Six Nations of the Grand River in Ontario, Cheri Maracle is a veteran theatre and television actress who has appeared in such shows as Blackstone, Murdoch Mysteries and Degassi. Calgary audiences can watch her riveting performance in the one-woman musical theatre piece Paddle Song from Jan. 11-23 at Lunchbox Theatre as part of the 30th annual High Performance Rodeo.

Written by Dinah Christie and Tom Hill, Paddle Song tells the story of Mohawk poet and performer E. Pauline Johnson, who challenged stereotypes of First Nations people and women in the late 19th century.

Maracle tells Metro why Johnson's work shouldn't be forgotten:

Did you know much about E. Pauline Johnson before doing the show?

I did, yeah. I'm from Six Nations and the homestead where she grew up is around here too. Our ancestry is quite similar. She was half-Mohawk and half-British and my dad was full Mohawk and my mom's a mix of Irish, Scottish and British, so it's kind of interesting for me to dive into someone who has very similar lineage and could kind of straddle both worlds. I had also been a part of the

(indigenous women's theatre ensemble) Turtle Gals in Toronto and they asked me to write a piece about Pauline. So I came to this show having done a bunch of research and portraying her once already.

What do you admire about her and why does she make an interesting subject?

I think she's fascinating because she's a pioneer for us. She was one of the first women performers from Six Nations. For a woman to be writing what she was writing about back then was very political. She was really ballsy, for lack of a better term. She was a trailblazer. She spoke about women's rights and children's rights and definitely native rights. She never took no for an answer. She put her own tours together and travelled by herself. The fact she did most of this on her own is amazing. She was ahead of her time.

Do you find there are more good roles for indigenous actors now than there were before? Or do you try not to get pigeonholed playing only aboriginal characters?

I try not to get pigeonholed, but there are definitely more projects coming up. I think in the past 10 to 15 years, there's been a huge swelling of native writers and actors creating and writing their own stories. There's a long history of (non-native) people telling native stories from their perspective, but nobody tells your story better than your own people.

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Rufus Wainwright performed at the Calgary Folk Music Festival in July 2014. CALGARY FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL

Wainwright glad to be back in Calgary

PERFORMANCE

Orchestra backs singer-songwriter on Wednesday



Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Rufus Wainwright has always been intrigued by Calgary's wild side.

The musically eclectic singer-songwriter and composer will be performing alongside the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra (CPO) at the Jubilee on Wednesday.

Known for his stints at the

Calgary Folk Music Festival, Wainwright isn't new to Cowtown — a city that possesses an alluring cultural mix, he said.

"You definitely get the feeling when you're there that you're at the gateway of the West," he said. "It has a certain wild quality that's always intriguing — it's a nice mix of familiar East Coast shenanigans and Wild West happenings. It's also very beautiful."

The city's cowboys aren't too shabby, either, he added.

"I tend to have a bit of a vivid imagination — being an out, gay man, you can't help but, you know, fantasize," he said with a laugh. "We'll keep it at that."

Antics aside, it's the first time Wainwright will play with

“It has a certain wild quality that's always intriguing.”

Rufus Wainwright

the CPO — a place for him to meld his alternative sound with the orchestra, though his work has always had a theatrical sound, he said.

"For me, it's like a coming home in a certain way," he said. "It makes a lot of sense with what I do."

"I've heard (the CPO) is great, and I'm looking forward to be blown away by them."

Heather Slater, director of artistic planning with the

CPO, said Wainwright's fans can expect an added flair — they're normally used to his solo shows.

"His work is orchestral in nature," she said. "But this is going to be quite a concert. It's going to be fantastic."

Wainwright said he's always had a symbiotic relationship with orchestras, adding the partnership lets him enhance the musicality of his tracks.

"On one hand, I can't always afford to bring a band with me," he said. "And I've written a lot of material that has these large arrangements."

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium. Tickets are still available, and range from \$35 to \$100.

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Tiffanee Ford, general manager of Axe Throwing Calgary, takes aim at one of the eight targets in their new location.

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Ready, set, ... axe-tion!

RECREATION

Trendy sport right on target for month-old business



Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

Think darts, but bigger. And a lot more menacing.

Two competitors stand side by side, each with an axe and a target. The person to throw their axe and stick it closest to the bull's eye wins.

It's a simple game, but it's picking up speed across the country. Just last month, Axe Throwing Calgary opened up in the city.

General manager Tiffanee Ford only picked up an axe for the first time back in November, and said she's been hooked ever since.

"When I first picked up that axe, I thought I was going to embarrass myself completely," she said. "But, once you hit that target, that's it. You get so ex-

cited, and that competitive side comes out in you."

Axe Throwing Calgary is the creation of Jordan Monaghan and Erik Dyck. After years of throwing axes as a way to kill time at a camp site, they decided to take it pro. And although they live in Winnipeg and Toronto, they thought Calgary was the perfect spot to open up shop.

"People are always craving something different, especially in Calgary," said Ford. "You get people who come in at the end of a stressful work day, and it's just a way to release that — and it's different, more exciting, than working out or playing a sport."

The Toronto-based axe-throwing league, BATL, has been running since 2006 and opened up a Calgary location last summer. Ford said she expects the love of the sport to continue growing, and even anticipates Axe Throwing Calgary to open up in other cities soon.

"You can just bring out your inner lumberjack," she laughed. "Put on some plaid, some cool boots and come throw axes with your friends. What's not to love about that?"

ECONOMY

Singing the oilpatch blues

As the economy continues to crush once-lucrative jobs in Alberta, a Nova Scotia man is sharing the pain that comes with it. But he's found a creative outlet — through song.

Jody Hickey, an insulator who is also a singer/songwriter, posted his first original song — \$100 Barrel — to YouTube on Dec. 23.

"This is about someone living in any town in Alberta saying: 'This is what I used to have

and now it's gone,'" he said.

"But if the price of oil went back up to \$100 a barrel, I could get it back again."

Living the life out West, Hickey said it wasn't hard to write about the hardships.

He had a nine-year relationship that fell apart because of the travelling. He was far away from a lot of people he loved.

His travelling started early. After graduating from high school at age 17, Hickey said

he chose what he describes as "the Cape Breton lifestyle," moving away and coming back.

At 29 he headed out West and began working in the oilfields, surveying, pipelining, service rig work, maintenance work. He's now working with offshore and industrial companies in Nova Scotia.

He said he wants people to understand what those working out West are going through. TC MEDIA



Cape Bretoner Jody Hickey at a former job in Kerle Lake, Alta. CONTRIBUTED

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'Family-friendly' in Ottawa

POLITICS

Minister says that work-life balance is vital to her success

Like many of us, Environment and Climate Change Minister Catherine McKenna arrived at work this week with fresh New Year's plans.

There's greenhouse gas reduction, for one. And then there is the dreaded work-life balance. McKenna has a husband and three children — 11, 9 and 7.

She announced to staff Monday that she intends to be out of the office every day at 5:30 p.m. sharp, except Thursdays.

Once she is home, she will be offline for a couple hours, to do homework with her children, oversee lessons and sit down to dinner, together as a family.

"I am not going to be a good minister unless I'm happy at home and my family's happy and there's some balance," she said over the phone.

Her new rule has it that about 8 p.m., she will again take up work duties.

"I'm very happy to work late, and you certainly work very long hours," she says. "But it's really important to

my mental health to be able to know I can be home and check in with everyone and in that time, I'm not available."

Work-life balance is a hot topic among new MPs and parliamentary staff, McKenna said. More to the point: they want to have their new jobs and keep their families, which for MPs is akin to wanting to have a natural Hollywood body.

Traditionally, Parliament Hill is a place men go for power and families go to die.

The long hours, the constant distraction and for most MPs, the weeks not just at work but a plane ride away in Ottawa are too much of a strain on relationships. Alison Loat and Michael MacMillan interviewed about 80 departing MPs for their book *Tragedy in the Commons*. "The personal cost of political life was a subject that recurred again and again in the interviews, unbidden," they write.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau knows this intimately. He's tasked House Leader Dominic LeBlanc with examining ways to make the House more "family-friendly for members of Parliament."

Before Christmas, Trudeau reminded cabinet ministers it was important for them to spend their vacation time with their families, McKenna said.



Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, meets with her provincial counterparts in December. Right, McKenna spends time with her two daughters and their friends. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"The prime minister has set the tone on this."

In an op-ed she wrote with Reva Seth in the *Ottawa Citizen* in 2014, McKenna suggested steps like video-conferencing and condensed parliamentary sessions, so commuting MPs could spend more time at home. They also suggested an end to evening parliamentary meetings, so mothers could get home for bedtime.

"Much like the traditional corporate career, government, political and party life were all originally designed for men with stay-at-home wives," McKenna and Seth wrote. "Of

course, this in no way reflects the reality that more than 70 per cent of mothers in Canada are working mothers."

Queen's Park changed its hours to accommodate parents in 2008 and Alberta is following suit. Equal Voice, the group lobbying for more female politicians, is pushing for similar schedule changes in legislatures across the country, because its members see the regular late-night sessions as a major impediment for mothers deciding to run as MPs in the first place and once elected, sticking with the job.

In the last federal election,



only a third of candidates were women.

"It's not just a women's issue, it's a parent issue," said McKenna, 44.

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CIVIL LIBERTIES

Goodale promises no-fly list review

The federal public safety minister says his officials have reminded airlines they don't need to vet children against Canada's no-fly list after a six-year-old was stopped by airport security.

Ralph Goodale says his department is also exploring possible changes to the Secure Air Travel Regulations that would help differentiate individuals who have similar or the same names as people on the no-fly list.

In addition, Goodale indicated the no-fly regime — officially known as the Passenger Protect Program — would be examined during broad public consultations on Canada's overall security framework.

The minister promised to investigate after the father of Canadian-born Syed Adam Ahmed tweeted a photo from Toronto's international airport that appeared to show the boy's name with a "DHP" or "deemed high profile" label and instructions on how to proceed before allowing the boy to check in.

They were trying to board an Air Canada flight on Dec. 31 to Boston to see the NHL Winter Classic.

In a statement, Goodale says his department fully understands the frustration of law-abiding travellers whose plans are interrupted as a result of false positives. "We have heard the concerns of those who have gone through additional security screening that this situation can cause confusion and feelings of stigmatization," THE CANADIAN PRESS

"I am not going to be a good minister unless I'm happy at home and my family's happy and there's some balance."
Catherine McKenna

SOCIAL MEDIA

Bigwigs react to North Korea's bomb test with 'Twiplomacy'

When North Korea detonated its big bomb this week, foreign ministers around the globe took to Twitter to voice their condemnation.

British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond branded the detonation a "provocation ... which I condemn without reservation."

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry denounced the test, which remains unconfirmed as a hydrogen bomb. "The United States and nations around the world unequivocally condemn North Korea's latest nuclear test," Kerry tweeted.

And Canada's foreign affairs department posted the reaction minister Stéphane Dion warning that North Korea's conduct poses a "grave" risk to security.

All that activity drove home

a trend that has emerged in recent years — the rise of digital diplomacy.

Twitter has become the new soapbox of diplomats. It's even given rise to a new lexicon — Twiplomats practicing Twiplomacy. Indeed, the web site Twiplomacy writes that Twitter has become the "channel of choice for digital diplomacy between world leaders, governments, foreign ministries and diplomats."

Its 2015 study found that more than two thirds of all heads of state and government have personal Twitter accounts.

"Foreign ministries around the world have embraced Twitter with a vengeance and social media is the new medium for

what you would call quick time responsive reaction," says Fen Hampson, director of the global security and politics at Waterloo's Centre for International Governance Innovation.

In an era of the 24-hour news cycle, tweets are a quick way for a politician to get their views into the discourse, 140 characters of condemnation, praise or caution.

Diplomacy is often the art of the understatement, careful words to send a country's message, often delivered quietly to a foreign envoy behind closed doors. Today though, that initial message or response to a crisis is just as likely to be delivered via social media. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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WHAT A HOOT! SNOWY OWL PHOTOBOMBS HIGHWAY TRAFFIC CAMERA A magnificent snowy owl briefly posed for a road traffic camera selfie while soaring through the air in Montreal on Sunday. The impressive wingspan displayed in the images could be as long as 1.45 metres, about the height of a small adult Canadian woman. COURTESY ROBERT POËTI

HEALTH

Transplant patients more at risk: Study

Patients who undergo liver, kidney or other solid organ transplants are up to three times more likely to die from cancer than those in the general population, a study has found, suggesting that recipients need regular screening to catch malignancies early.

The study of more than 11,000 Ontario transplant patients found that almost one-fifth of the deaths in this group over a 20-year period were cancer-related, with skin cancers among those posing the most significant risk of death.

Of 3,068 deaths among patients who had kidney, liver, heart or lung transplants between 1991 and 2010, 603 were cancer-related, the study by the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences and Toronto's St. Michael's Hospital concluded.

When researchers excluded patients with pre-transplant malignancies, the overall rate of cancer deaths was still twice that of the general population. Children who had received a transplant had a higher risk of

dying from cancer than organ recipients over age 60.

Principal researcher Dr. Nancy Baxter, a cancer surgeon at St. Michael's Hospital, said drugs used to suppress the immune system to prevent organ rejection likely contribute to a higher rate of cancer, which is also often harder to treat in transplant patients.

The powerful medications "suppress the body's response to cancer, so it can be more aggressive," said Baxter, noting the median age of death was about five years after a transplant.

"That's very soon after the transplant, so one wonders if the immunosuppression kicks things into gear."

Transplant patients diagnosed with cancer also may receive less aggressive treatment because of concerns about their having frailer health and a poorer ability to withstand the toxic side-effects of chemotherapy. Fears over potential organ rejection may also play a role, researchers speculate.

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The number of cancer-related deaths from 3,068 deaths among patients who had kidney, liver, heart or lung transplants between 1991 and 2010.

IN BRIEF

Trudeau told to deepen ties to Saudi Arabia

Federal officials have told Prime Minister Justin Trudeau that Canada's strategic interest would be well served by strengthening economic ties with oil-rich Saudi Arabia. That advice sheds light on why the Liberals are rejecting calls to cancel a \$15-billion sale of armoured vehicles to Saudi Arabia following its execution last weekend of 47 people. The assessments are contained in Trudeau's briefing book, obtained under Access to Information. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Feds extend deadline for matching Syria donations

Photographs of starving children in Syrian villages are reminders that the human toll of the civil war in that country still needs to be addressed, the international aid minister and humanitarian agencies said Thursday, in urging Canadians to continue to support relief efforts. To encourage that, the Liberal government will extend to Feb. 29 the deadline for donations and have those dollars matched by the government. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Privacy czar warns against profiling

CIVIL LIBERTIES

Border agency to use system more similar to U.S. process

The federal border agency's new system for scrutinizing incoming air passengers could open the door to profiling based on race or other personal factors, warns Canada's Privacy Commissioner, Daniel Therrien.

Therrien is pressing the Canada Border Services Agency to explain the program's rationale and build in safeguards to protect civil liberties.

Canadian law requires commercial airlines to provide the border agency with specific information about passengers flying to Canada, including name, birthdate, citizenship, seat number and other data.

The border agency is moving to a system known as scenario-based targeting, already used

by the United States, as part of Canada's commitment to work closely with Washington under a perimeter security pact forged in 2011.

The border agency says the new scheme will be more efficient, effective and accurate, directing the focus to a smaller segment of the travelling population who represent a potential high risk.

The new scenario-based method uses Big Data analytics — extensive number-crunching to identify patterns — to evaluate all data collected from air carriers, says Therrien's office, which reviewed the border agency's privacy impact assessment of the project.

"Designed to harmonize

with the system used by the U.S., it could allow the operator to, for example, search for all males aged between the ages of 18-20 who are Egyptian nationals and who have visited both Paris and New York," Therrien says in his recently released annual report.

The privacy commissioner is concerned travellers may now be targeted for increased scrutiny if they fit the general attributes of a group — "subjected to recurring and unnecessary attention at the border because of characteristics they cannot change," such as age, gender, nationality, birthplace, or racial or ethnic origin.

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Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien

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World **metro** NEWS



A gathering in Paris Thursday marks one year since the attacks on Charlie Hebdo satirical newspaper. Tensions in France, under a state of emergency since a wave of attacks on Nov. 13, have been even higher this week. FRANCOIS MORI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Attempted attack year after Hebdo leaves Paris on edge

TERRORISM

Knife-wielding man killed after threatening police officers

A man wearing a fake explosives vest and wielding a butcher knife was shot to death by police outside a Paris police station Thursday, jolting an already anxious French capital with a new dose of fear as the nation grimly marked a year of terror

that started with the newsroom massacre at the Charlie Hebdo satirical magazine.

The assailant — who shouted “Allahu akbar!” or “God is great!” — as he waved the knife at officers, was carrying a document with an emblem of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group and “an unequivocal claim of responsibility in Arabic,” the prosecutor’s office said.

The extremist group claimed responsibility for the Jan. 7, 2015, attack at Charlie Hebdo and on a kosher grocery store

“It’s like the Charlie Hebdo affair isn’t over. If we were safe, things like this wouldn’t happen.”

Nora Borrias, a 27-year-old waiting for her barricaded street to reopen

three days later that killed 17 people.

The ISIL group also claimed the Nov. 13 attacks on Paris cafes, restaurants, a sports stadium and a music hall that killed 130 people.

Thursday’s attempted attack shortly before noon in Paris’

multi-ethnic Goutte d’Or neighbourhood came almost one year to the minute after two Islamic extremists burst into the offices of Charlie Hebdo, killing 11 people.

Scores of police descended Thursday on the northern neighbourhood that was the

site of the attempted attack.

“It’s like the Charlie Hebdo affair isn’t over,” said Nora Borrias, a 27-year-old waiting for her barricaded street to reopen. “If we were safe, things like this wouldn’t happen.”

Authorities did not publicly identify the suspect.

However, a French security official said police were “working on the hypothesis” that the assailant is a 20-year-old Moroccan who was involved in a minor 2013 robbery in the southern Var region.

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NEW YORK

Miners rescued, all 17 OK

Seventeen miners trapped in a Lansing, N.Y., salt mine — one of the world’s deepest — were rescued Thursday morning, ending a 10-hour ordeal that began when their elevator broke down 900 feet (275 metres) underground.

They were descending to the floor of the 2,300-foot-deep (700 metres) Cayuga Salt Mine — nearly deep enough to fit two Empire State Buildings stacked on top of each other — to start their shift, when the elevator malfunctioned at around 10 p.m. Wednesday, said Mark Klein, a spokesman for mine owner Cargill Inc.

The miners were cold but otherwise unharmed, said Shawn Wilczynski, the mine manager.

“Their spirits are tremendous. I’m inspired by them, to be quite honest with you,” Wilczynski said. “The first four that came out of the mine waited until the last two came out.”

Emergency workers communicated via radio with the miners, who had blankets, heat packs and other supplies lowered to them.

The rescued workers ranged in age from 20 to 60, and their mining experience ranged from a few months to four decades, Wilczynski said.

A crane hoisted the first four to the surface in a basket around 7 a.m. at the mine in Lansing. Another four were rescued about 30 minutes later, and seven more were brought to the surface by 8:30 a.m., Klein said. The last two were rescued a few minutes afterward.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo praised the emergency personnel who carried out the rescue, adding that a team of investigators from several state offices will be looking into what caused the miners to become stranded.

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SCIENCE

Iceman’s ulcers a clue into Bronze Age migration



A researcher takes samples of the 5,300-year-old body of the Bronze Age hunter known as Ötzi. AUGUSTIN OCHSENREITER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Poor Ötzi lived and died painfully. The 5,300-year-old “Iceman,” whose frozen remains were discovered by hikers in the Italian Alps, has been diagnosed by modern-day scientists with arthritis, spinal damage, tooth decay, lactose intolerance, and a murderous arrow wound to the shoulder that lacerated an artery and killed him.

“It was for sure a tough life,” said Albert Zink of the Institute for Mummies and the Iceman, at the European Academy of Bozen/Bolzano and a co-author of the paper in the journal Sci-

ence this week.

Ötzi’s stomach bug help fill in blank spots in the bacterial history of Europe. Because *H. pylori* is an incredibly successful human pathogen, researchers have used geographically distinct bacterial strains to reconstruct human migrations.

Fascinatingly, the researchers have used Ötzi’s stomach bug to fill in blank spots in the bacterial history of Europe.

Ötzi’s *H. pylori* is the oldest specimen ever sequenced — and his strain is very different than that of modern Europeans.

“It’s a very cool thing to do, to get it from the Iceman,” said Daniel Falush, a statistical geneticist at the U.K.’s Swansea University.

“They made a clear scientific finding about what he had, which is definitely new.”

Ötzi’s *H. pylori*, the researchers write in *Science*, is a nearly pure Asian strain, most closely related to an *H. pylori* strain now found primarily in India.

The scientists would like to sample pathogens from the stomachs of other ancient mummies. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Dinos boogied for love

Scientists have evidence of a frenzied mating ritual by dinosaurs: long grooves in the ground etched by the pawing of clawed feet. Such behaviour is seen in birds, and the discovery suggests theropods did it about 100 million years ago. Martin Lockley of the University of Colorado Denver said the dinosaurs apparently gathered in groups and “went crazy scraping” with their clawed, feet to attract mates.

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Koreas fight war of words

POST-NUCLEAR REACTION

Cross-border loudspeaker broadcast back, vows South

In response to North Korea's latest nuclear test, South Korea on Thursday announced it would resume cross-border propaganda broadcasts that Pyongyang considers an act of war. Seoul also began talks with Washington that could see the arrival of nuclear-powered U.S. submarines and warplanes to the Korean Peninsula.

From Seoul to Washington, Beijing to the United Nations, world powers are looking at ways to punish Pyongyang for the test of what it called a new and powerful hydrogen bomb.

The loudspeaker broadcasts, which will start Friday, believed to be the birthday of young North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, are certain to infuriate authoritarian Pyongyang because they are meant to raise questions in North Korean minds about the infallibility of the ruling Kim family.



South Korean protesters burn an effigy of Kim Jong Un. AHN YOUNG-JOON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

South Korea stopped earlier broadcasts after it agreed with Pyongyang in late August on a package of measures aimed at easing animosities that had the rivals threatening war.

Experts, meanwhile, are trying to uncover more details about the detonation that drew worldwide skepticism and con-



We agreed that there cannot be business as usual.

John Kerry

demnation. It may take weeks or longer

to confirm or refute the North's claim that it successfully tested a hydrogen bomb, which would mark a major and unanticipated advance for its still-limited nuclear arsenal. Even a test of an atomic bomb, a less sophisticated and less powerful weapon, would push its scientists and engineers closer to

their goal of building a nuclear warhead small enough to place on a missile that can reach the U.S. mainland.

Statements from the White House said President Barack Obama had spoken to South Korean President Park Geun-Hye and to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan. The statements said the countries "agreed to work together to forge a united and strong international response to North Korea's latest reckless behaviour."

Obama reaffirmed the "unshakeable U.S. commitment" to the security of South Korea and Japan, according to the statements.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said he spoke with Wang Yi, foreign minister of China, North Korea's main ally, about ways of working together on the issue.

"We agree that there cannot be business as usual, and we agreed that we will work very closely together to determine the steps that we can take in order to address our increasing concerns about that nuclear test," Kerry said in Washington.

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STATE OF EMERGENCY

California acts on gas leak

California Gov. Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency over a massive natural-gas leak that has been spewing methane and other gases into a Los Angeles neighbourhood for months, sickening residents and forcing thousands to vacate their homes.

In a statement, Brown said Wednesday that he acted based on the requests of people in the community of Porter Ranch and the "prolonged and continuing" nature of the gas blow-out at the underground storage facility.

The well, owned by Southern California Gas Co., has been gushing up to 1,200 tons of climate-changing methane daily, along with other gases, since it was first reported in October. It will be months before workers can stem the leak, experts say.

Brown told the gas company to come up with backup plans in case efforts to close the blow-out fail and ordered emergency regulations for other gas-storage facilities throughout the state. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Wayfair launches Canada site

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Store is biggest online-only retailer in U.S.

Home decor stores in Canada have a new competitor — U.S. online retailer Wayfair.

Wayfair officially launched a Canadian website Thursday morning, claiming to offer more than seven million items for the home from more than 7,000 suppliers, including a network of Canadian suppliers.

Already the biggest online-only furniture and home decor store in the U.S., the move into Canada will pit Wayfair against Ikea, Winners and HomeSense, owned by TJX Canada, and Home Outfitters, owned by Hudson's Bay Co.

Canadians are already shopping Wayfair.com, said co-founder and CEO Niraj Shah. The Canadian website will make it easier and cheaper for existing Canadian customers and increase market share, he added.

For now, orders will be shipped from consolidation centres in Kentucky and Utah.

Wayfair, based in Boston, employs more than 3,000 people.

"We think there's a big opportunity in Canada. The Canadian market doesn't get serviced the same way as the U.S. market, despite the fact that

so many Canadian shoppers are close to the border," said Shah.

Shipping is free on orders over \$75 and the average order is triple that much, said Shah.

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The number of orders Wayfair delivered in 2014, reaching \$1.3 billion U.S. in net revenue.



Stephen Poloz, governor of the Bank of Canada, prepares to deliver a speech at Ottawa City Hall Council Chambers on Thursday. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

BANK OF CANADA

Ride out oil shock, Poloz says

The Bank of Canada says overcoming the economic suffering inflicted by the commodity-price shock boils down to one main option: ride it out.

Stephen Poloz, the central bank governor, said Thursday that no simple policy response will fix the problem, although damaging factors like the steep slide in oil prices can be mitigated — to a point.

"The forces that have been

set in motion simply must work themselves out," Poloz said at Ottawa City Hall.

Poloz pointed to Canada's flexible exchange rate, which closely follows the ups and downs of crude prices, as one of those "minor shock absorbers" that help soften the blow for some parts of the economy.

With oil prices expected to remain low for some time, Poloz suggested the weak loonie

will persist as the crude-exporting country adjusts to the new reality.

"It's not a coincidence that the Canadian dollar today is about where it was back in 2003, 2004. Oil prices are also about where they were back then," said Poloz.

On Thursday, the loonie was trading around 71 cents U.S., about where it was in 2003.

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IN BRIEF

Panic selling grips markets worldwide

Panic selling in Asia prompted by developments in China spread across the globe and threw the Toronto stock market into a tailspin Thursday, capping off seven consecutive days of losses and thrusting the index into bear market territory. The S&P/TSX index ended the day off roughly 20 per cent from its all-time high in September 2014 — a loss considered by many as a bear market. Oil plunged to levels not seen since 2008.

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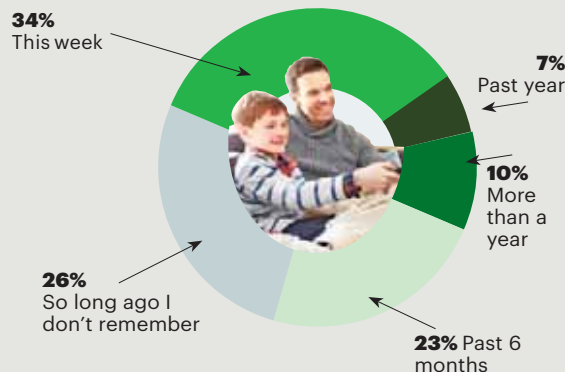
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Internet killed the video store?

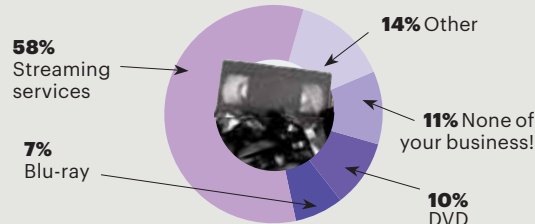
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A unique movie-rental shop in Canada's biggest city is defying a global trend. It's continuing to grow, despite the rise of online video providers such as Netflix. Sales at Toronto's Bay Street Video jumped 10 per cent in 2015, and it was recently named one of the top 50 video stores in North America by Entertainment Weekly. The secret sauce, the store manager says, is the selection, which includes many offbeat titles that aren't found on any streaming service. We asked our readers if they gave up on home video long ago, or if their DVDs and tapes are still rolling.

1 When was the last time you watched a film or TV show on a DVD, Blu-ray or tape?



2 How do you watch most of your movies and TV?



3 If you do choose to watch old-fashioned hard copy movies and TV, why?

21% Quality is better
18% Better selection
18% I like obscure movies
16% I like my TV setup/I don't know how to stream
13% I use the library
14% Other

I like VHS. You can find many classics for under a dollar. I like the bendy sound, the warped picture and the Space-Age vibe.

If it's any good, it will eventually come out on TV.

I use Netflix to preview a movie. If I like it I will buy the DVD to own and re-watch. Plus DVDs come with bonus material.

I miss visiting the video store to hunt for a movie. It's easy to stream but it isn't the same.

WE ASKED Metro readers

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Legal déjà vu: Another battle for abortion access

Prince Edward Island: Home to Anne of Green Gables, lobster, and not one abortion.

Not one for decades, despite the Supreme Court's 1988 ruling that struck down the country's anti-abortion law.

And now, after years of fighting, activists are suing the province. It's just the latest in a long line of litigation that gave women the right to abortions and then fought for the implementation of that right. It's perhaps fitting that it has come down to a lawsuit in P.E.I.

This week Abortion Access Now P.E.I., with support of the national women's rights non-profit LEAF, gave the 90-day warning required before suing the government. The groups allege the province is infringing on women's charter rights and is in contravention of P.E.I.'s own health-care plan. Lawyers will argue the no-abortion policy unlawfully discriminates on the basis of sex and pregnancy, and that sending women out of province goes against P.E.I.'s commitment to the efficient and equitable administration of health care.

Currently, the province pays for an abortion if a P.E.I. woman travels to one of two approved out-of-province hospitals. But travel isn't covered.

There is the bridge toll to get off the island, the bus fare, often an overnight stay at a hotel, all for a short procedure, says Kim Stanton, LEAF's legal

director.

The lawsuit is a last resort, Stanton said — it could take years and an estimated \$100,000 to litigate. But, "You don't start one of these things unless you are willing to see it through."

Joyce Arthur, executive director of the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada, expects a battle.

"Based on things like (the province's) own history and their long-standing policy, they're just going to be stubborn and keep fighting, no matter how weak their arguments are, no matter how weak their case is," Arthur said.

Stubbornly, too, pro-life advocates have fought access to abortion at every turn, pushing federal bills to send abortion-providing doctors to jail (in 1990) or enshrine the rights of fetuses (in 2007). We're lucky not to live in the violent days, when abortion clinics were firebombed (as in 1992), and abortion doctors were shot (as in 1994, 1995 and 1997).

But in many ways — the threat of rising fees for B.C. abortion clinics; provinces refusing to fund abortions that take place in clinics — abortion rights remain under attack. According to Arthur, only one-fifth of hospitals nationally provide abortions.

So here we are, in 2016, with a lawsuit to carry on that good fight. The latest legal battle, but surely not the last.

There is no upside to Ebola



Genna Buck
Metro | Toronto

It was a scary time.

In July 2014, for an assignment in Maclean's, I spoke to Dr. Tim Jagatic, a Canadian GP working in the field in Ebola-ravaged Sierra Leone. Exhausted and dehydrated after a long shift in hot, Michelin-Man-like protective gear, he said he was faced with a fleeting chance to do real-time science.

Normal Ebola symptoms are fever, vomiting, diarrhea, and, near the end, bleeding from the eyes, nose and rectum. Mortality is in the high double digits. It's a grisly, excruciating, humiliating way to die.

But Jagatic said with a record number of cases, some odd manifestations of the virus were being seen for the

first time. It seemed to be causing some patients' blood sugar to spike. Was it attacking the pancreas? He had no idea.

"We're trying to incorporate as much clinical research as we possibly can," he said. "But that does require resources ... things we don't have."

It's obvious, yet must be said: Doing science only once an application is needed — during a full-blown outbreak — doesn't work.

That's the conclusion of an article in this week's issue of the Journal Science. It decries the "thin scientific harvest" of the 2014-2015 West African Ebola outbreak and describes a "frenzied effort" to test vaccines and drugs that had never been given to humans.

It was a letdown. Some experiments had no clear results because they failed to enrol enough participants. Others did recruit enough patients, but didn't use a good study design, producing murky data. Some were halted early.

The one published clinical trial was cold comfort. In July 2015, when the worst of the epidemic was long past, the

World Health Organization trumpeted "a game-changer": a vaccine that was — according to a clinical trial of 4,000 high-risk people in Guinea — apparently, tentatively, safe and 100 per cent effective.

It was VSV-EBOV, a vaccine developed by the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) in Winnipeg. Three cheers for Canadian science! Hip, hip....

Wait. The outbreak, which is expected to be declared over soon, infected 28,637 and killed 11,315, mostly in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Meanwhile, a good vaccine was sitting in a lab somewhere. Work on it started around 2000, and by 2005 it was shown to confer strong Ebola immunity in monkeys.

In jumpy, post-9/11 North America, there was a lot of funding for research on bio-terrorism agents. The Canadian government licensed the vaccine to a small American drug developer, which never got around to human trials.

An Ebola bomb never materialized. An epidemic did. No one saw it coming. Before 2014, there had only been a

couple of thousand Ebola cases total since the 1970s.

Dr. Heinz Feldmann, one of the creators of the vaccine, urged me not to judge PHAC too harshly. Threats like flu and tuberculosis get prioritized for a reason. When government and market interests align (not the case with Ebola), private partnerships can help fund major drug development.

Feldmann said if vaccines for rare, deadly infections (like Nipah virus, a "time bomb") are developed at least to the stage of testing for safety in humans, trials of effectiveness can begin soon after an outbreak hits. Developing medicines that are effective against many emerging viruses is an even better way to go, he said.

That has to be publicly funded: Businesses won't invest in preparing for events that may never be. If that had been the approach in the first place, maybe we wouldn't be searching for a silver lining now.

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Leonardo DiCaprio hides his Hollywood looks under scruff, filth and grimaces in *The Revenant*. CONTRIBUTED

Still searching for that Oscar

THE REVENANT

Could Leo finally win over the Academy?

Richard Crouse

For Metro Canada



Leonardo DiCaprio makes \$25 million dollars per movie. So he has money. His best friend is Tobey McGuire and his little black book reads like a Victoria's Secret catalogue, so he's never lonely. He has opulent homes on both the left and right coasts of America — one comes equipped with a vitamin C infused shower

— and he even owns a 104 acre unpopulated island off the coast of Belize. He's a superstar with almost everything. Do you know what he doesn't have? An Oscar.

He's come close several times, earning nominations for his work in *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*, *The Aviator*, *Blood Diamond* and *The Wolf of Wall Street*, but he's never entered the winner circle.

He's always been gracious in defeat, smiling and nodding during the Oscar broadcast when someone else's name is called. "I wasn't surprised that Jamie got the award," he said about the 2005 Academy Awards when Jamie Foxx took best actor for Ray over *The Aviator*. "But I knew that cameras would be



MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

The Revenant ★★★★★
Anomalisa ★★★★★
The Forest ★★

HOW RATING WORKS

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★★★ UP TO YOU
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stuffed up my face so I had my response ready. Anyone who says they don't practice is a liar."

He may not have to fake being happy for another actor this year. Pundits are predicting his new movie *The Revenant* could bring him that elusive honour. He plays American fur trapper Hugh Glass, a frontiersman who became a legend in 1823 when he survived a brutal bear attack

and slogged across harsh terrain to get revenge on the man who left him to die.

This is DiCaprio's Jeremiah Johnson, a movie that masks his matinee-idol good looks with facial hair and grimaces. For much of the two-and-a-half-hour running time he is mute, alone on screen crawling across the frozen landscape, slowly inching his way toward vengeance.

There are great physical demands made on the actor — the bear-maul-o-rama being just one of the miseries he endures — but this is an internal performance. The character's strength, pain, frustration, anger and intestinal fortitude are apparent not only in his actions, but, more importantly, in his eyes. It may not be his flashiest role, but it is one of his best.

Nominations will be announced Jan. 14 so we won't know until then if he is chosen, but the odds are good. So good that *Vanity Fair* declared, "This is going to be the year Leonardo DiCaprio finally wins that Oscar."

Question is, why would someone who has everything want

an Academy Award? What difference would it make?

The truth is it would likely make no difference to his career, at least financially. He's already in the top tier of Tinseltown salaries and the fabled "Oscar box-office bump" — a sharp spike in ticket sales when the nominations are announced — hasn't meant much in recent years.

The real win for DiCaprio would be the prestige. The best actor Oscar is a rare commodity. Only 78 people have them — Daniel Day-Lewis has three, Jack Nicholson and seven others have two apiece — and winning one would put him in the company of legends like Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy and Gary Cooper.

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5 ROLES WHERE DICAPRIO DANCES WITH DEATH

Leonardo DiCaprio's onerous dead-man-walking turn in *The Revenant* after he's attacked by a grizzly bear is just the latest of his on-screen survival tests. Here are four other roles where filmmakers have made Leo fight for his life.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



1 Critters 3 (1991)

This straight-to-video sci-fi horror sequel marked DiCaprio's big-screen bow, the first of many attempts to knock off Leo. He plays Josh, a scrappy kid drawn into a continuing battle against the Krites, hedgehog-sized hairballs from outer space with big teeth and an appetite for people.



2 Blood Diamond (2006)

There are safer jobs than smuggling guns and diamonds in Sierra Leone, but maybe none more exciting. DiCaprio's Danny Archer enjoys the gig but knows it can't last. He seeks a giant pink diamond that could be his ticket out of Africa and into loving arms — if his violent life doesn't grab him first.



3 The Revenant (2015)

It ain't right to bury a man while he's still breathing, even if he's half-dead and bleeding from a bear mauling. DiCaprio's woodsman Hugh Glass is made of stern stuff — have you ever wrestled a grizzly or slept naked inside a dead horse? — but even he might not survive sub-zero and sharp arrows.



4 Titanic (1997)

Cue Celine Dion singing *My Heart Will Go On* as we guess the fate of DiCaprio's Jack Dawson, a smooth-cheeked hustler who rolls the dice on both love and the Titanic. The first bet turned out well, the second one not so much. Could this waterlogged shoot have been chillier than *The Revenant*?

5 The Quick and the Dead (1995)



Known as "The Kid" in this Sam Raimi western, DiCaprio plays a gun shop owner who wants to impress a man he believes to be his pa. He needs to win a gunfighters' contest in the dusty streets of a town called Redemption. The Kid is good, but maybe not quick enough to avoid being dead.

THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN



Leonardo DiCaprio, a vegetarian, insisted they use actual, raw bison liver in the film

has wide release on Jan. 8, details of the arduous shoot that went well over budget have been in print for months now.

Details like how director Alejandro González Iñárritu insisted on shooting using only natural light and on filming the entire epic chronologically; how production was plagued with problems mostly on account of the extremely isolated locations — British Columbia and Alberta doubled as Montana and South Dakota in the early 1820s — not to

mention the weather.

Visually, these efforts pay off. The film — all 156 minutes — has beautiful moments that won't leave you. But overall, *The Revenant* left me cold. It felt as though Iñárritu went to lofty lengths to call attention to his tricks: a lens fogged up by the CGI bear, whose thick saliva drips down onto a bloodied Glass' face, for example. But he fell short on giving life to his characters. Tom Hardy plays a smarmy frontiersman in such an af-

fected manner that Simon still hasn't stopped imitating it. And Glass, the film's hero, "suffers great afflictions," as the *New Yorker* recently said, "but no change."

But, oh, did Leo suffer for his art, which will undoubtedly lead to his fifth Academy Award nomination for acting. In one scene, the prosthetics team could've fashioned fake meat for DiCaprio, a vegetarian, to eat, but the 41-year-old actor insisted they use the real thing — actual, raw bison liv-

er. Iñárritu applauded his leading man: "Without it, he may not have gotten to the truth," he said. I'm not sure what that means but I considered it when I recently enjoyed dinner at *The Bison* in Calgary. As is the tendency of many fashionable restaurants, their menu is seasonal and showcases local ingredients, including duck, elk and bison, lots of bison. Not so usual, however, was to find so many fantastic bottles of wine for under \$100.

I considered ordering the Pacific Ling cod. But our server — one of several people we met originally from Ontario, or "Onterrible," as she called it, who intended to visit Banff for six or so months and stayed a decade — looked at me as if to say, Really? "You're in Alberta," she said. "Have the venison."

"Haha, you're right," I replied. "Medium, please." She gave me another look. "You're going to tell me that I ought to have it medium-rare, aren't you?"

"Medium is fine," she said. "But if you asked for it well done, we'd have a problem."

When the venison arrived, darkened on the outside with a cocoa chili rub, and surrounded by potato croquette, beetroot and Saskatoon berries, Simon looked at me, concerned. I'm fine with pink, even red, but he knows I get squeamish around meat that's still gelatinous in the centre. This strip loin was so viscerally ruby that it looked like I'd just foraged it myself. He assumed that I'd sneak over the especially rare bits to his plate. But the truth is, I finished it myself, with no suffering.

The Revenant, based on a true story, stars Leonardo DiCaprio as fur trapper Hugo Glass who was attacked by a bear, left for dead in the wilderness by fellow frontiersmen and, driven by vengeance, journeys — much of it on his hands and knees — some 200 miles back to camp. Although the movie

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Anomalisa puppet sex isn't a joke, creator says

DIRECTORS' TAKE

Stop-motion adds vulnerable quality, Charlie Kaufman notes

Matt Prigge
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Charlie Kaufman is smiling and joking. That's not the same as being upbeat. As we — along with Duke Johnson, the Being John Malkovich creator's cohort on his new film, *Anomalisa* — speak he'll dovetail into despairing, even hopeless commentary on the world. But he does it with a smile, even laughter, and it's slightly disarming to be joking about Guy Fieri and Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium with a guy who famously depicted a fake version of himself as a relentless downer in *Adaptation*.

Still, he did have to be coerced into making *Anomalisa*, which is only the second Kaufman script he has directed himself, after 2008's *Synecdoche, New York*. It's based on an old work: a 2005 play that consisted of actors speaking in darkness, with no visuals.

pet. They had to start shooting with less than ideal puppets.

"They broke constantly. It was very challenging getting the style of animation we wanted out of cheaper puppets."

Kaufman liked that they were fragile. "It does give it a feeling of imperfection that you don't get with computer or cel animation," he says. "There's a hand-made quality to it we really liked. It makes them feel vulnerable and real."

The plot finds Michael, during a hotel stay, becoming obsessed with Lisa, a shy, ordinary woman, voiced by Jennifer Jason Leigh, who mysteriously sticks out from the pack. But every other character is designed almost — but not quite — the same, and every one of them, male or female, is voiced by Tom Noonan.

"Most people don't even know it's the same voice actor when they see the movie, because they're used to puppets having similar features. It creeps up on you and it doesn't overpower the smallness of the story," Kaufman explains.

The most attention-grabbing part of the movie is the sex scene between Michael and Lisa. Trey Parker and Matt Stone already did puppet sex, famously, in *Team America*. But the one in

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Charlie Kaufman says of his film *Anomalisa*



"I didn't want to make it as a movie," Kaufman confesses. "It was designed to be heard and not seen." But he gave in, especially once they happened upon the idea to do it entirely in stop-motion animation. But the story — following Michael, a depressed motivational speaker (voiced by David Thewlis) — was a hard sell, and he and Johnson had to do it independently, on the very cheap.

"When you're making a stop-motion animation film, the puppets are the most expensive part of the process," Johnson explains. They only had \$100,000 for all their many, many puppets. By contrast, *Laika*, the studio behind *Coraline* and *ParaNorman*, spends \$80,000 on a single pup-

Anomalisa is not played for laughs, even as it's nearly as graphic.

"There's the expectation that it will be a joke. And it's not. People may be taken aback by that," Kaufman says.

That neither Michael and Lisa are prime specimens was key to both Kaufman and Johnson. "You don't see normal bodies in media," Johnson says. "When you do see a normal body it's like, 'Oh, am I suppose to see that?' Or it's funny, like if you see Will Ferrell naked."

"If you cast two regular-looking actors it would be all anybody would talk about: 'Oh, look at that body,'" Kaufman says. "It's just sad — it's sad to be in this culture."

Majical Cloudz: Smiling through the sadness

INTERVIEW

Emotional lyrics over bare synth land duo on 'best of' lists

One should never automatically equate the singer with the song, but the temptation to typecast Devon Welsh of Majical Cloudz as the walking embodiment of doomy, early 21st-century pop miserablism runs strong.

It's the risk you take when you habitually put yourself out there as emotionally unguarded as Welsh does over creative partner Matthew Otto's soft, subtle synthscapes — think Death Cab for Cutie recast as slow-motion electro-popsters — although there's definitely a Morrissey-esque mischievous streak running through his penetrating ruminations on love, longing and mortality that suggests a wicked sense of humour lurking behind the dour exterior.

Welsh and Otto are an enigmatic pair, in any case, and have lately turned up on year-end "best of" lists with their latest disc, *Are You Alone?*, released in October via Toronto indie Arts



Matthew Otto and Devon Welsh create stripped down, slow-motion electro-pop for the masses. SARAH O'DRISCOLL/CONTRIBUTED

& Crafts in Canada and Matador Records south of the border.

With Majical Cloudz about to embark on a North American and Australian tour, The Toronto Star gave Welsh a ring while he was hanging out with his father, Twin Peaks actor Kenneth Welsh, in Uxbridge over

the holidays.

I'm always struck by how little you leave yourself to hide behind in your music, musically and emotionally. You and Matthew seem very intent on doing more with less.

I think that's the one thing we have as a rule, just keeping it as spare as it reasonably can be. That was sort of the inspiration behind the band at the beginning, and that's what I'm interested in just in terms of writing songs and how it sounds when it's all

finished. I've just always been attracted to music that has some space in it.

Do you get tired of people assuming you're this perpetually melancholy soul?

I remember when we put out our first album people used the word "confessional," and I don't necessarily feel that way. Sometimes I'm talking about myself, but most of the time not really. And I think on this album, as well, there's a certain sense of humour to the music — there's fertile ground for humour in something that people can take really seriously.

Is it draining laying yourself so bare night after night?

In a sense, I guess. I haven't had the experience of being in another band or playing other types of music so I really don't know. But I can see anything being draining, any type of music. I feel like maybe if you were doing a big party thing where the show is just, you know, a big, wild party, I can see that being energizing but I can also see that being draining. I think anything that you're putting

a lot of energy into on tour is just going to wind up draining you.

Speaking of touring, you guys went out on the road opening for Lorde in 2014. How was that experience?

It was interesting. The more time that passes, the weirder it seems to me. At the time, it just sort of made sense. "Oh, yeah, of course. That's what we're doing." And it was great. It was a cool experience, something that I would have never been able to do and will probably never do again. So for that reason, I think it was really cool. But the more time that goes by, the more I'm like: "Wow, that was such an alien universe."

She was nice and it ended up being really fun and interesting, but the goal or the ambition of getting back to those stages, getting back to a place to where we're opening for someone like Lorde or even trying to get somewhere close to that ourselves or myself as a musician, I just feel like that's not an ambition of mine anymore. If it ever was. I've done it.

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Miley and Liam rekindling could be a wrecking ball

RUMOURS

Friends say they should never, ever get back together

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Miley Cyrus has kicked off 2016 with a new shot at romance with ex-fiancé Liam Hemsworth, but her friends don't necessarily think that's such a hot idea. Their biggest issue with the rekindled romance? How much Cyrus is trying to contort her personality to fit what she thinks Hemsworth wants, according to Radar Online.

"She has never stopped loving Liam. She wants nothing more than to be with him again. Miley has been doing everything that she can to change her image to fit into what Liam wants her to be," a source says. "Many people around her think that this is a recipe for disaster." Sure, but tell us how you really feel, anonymous source.

So where is all this trying-to-change-for-her-man energy coming from? From Hemsworth himself, if this source

is to be believed.

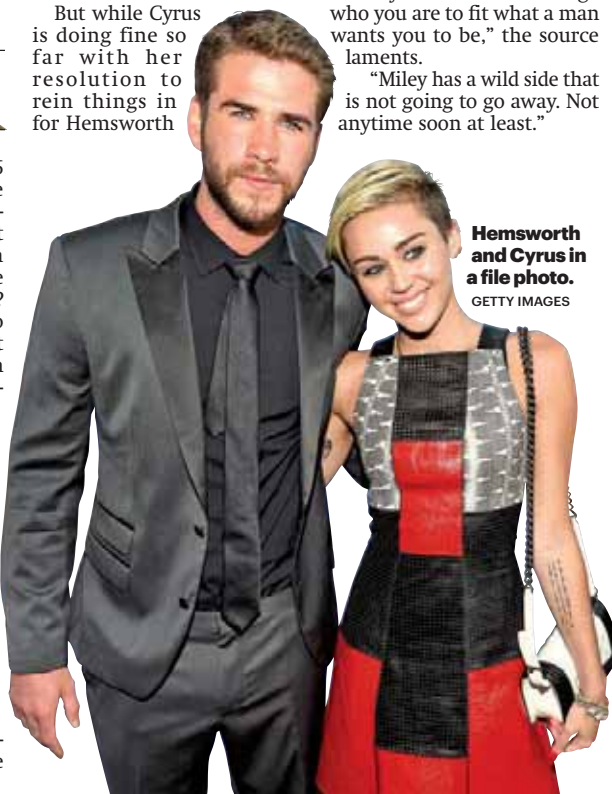
"Liam was the one to initiate this," the source says of their second shot at love. "But he told Miley that she needed to grow the f— up if he was going to let her back into his life." Yikes.

But while Cyrus is doing fine so far with her resolution to rein things in for Hemsworth

in the New Year, we're still only a week in. And her friends expect it to go about as well as everyone else's resolutions.

"Unfortunately, no one thinks this is going to last, because you can never change who you are to fit what a man wants you to be," the source laments.

"Miley has a wild side that is not going to go away. Not anytime soon at least."



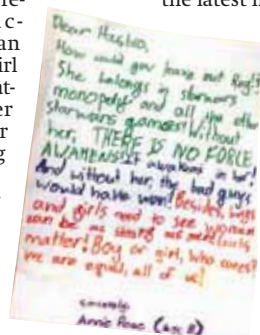
Hemsworth and Cyrus in a file photo.
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STAR WARS

Dear Hasbro, what happened to Rey?

The Star Wars version of Monopoly will add a game piece based on the female character Rey after an eight-year-old girl wrote "Girls matter" in a letter to game maker Hasbro noting the omission.

Carrie Goldman posted a letter on Twitter this week written by her daughter, Annie Rose, asking why Hasbro left out Rey when she is a main character of the latest movie in the series, Star Wars: The Force Awakens. Hasbro responded, saying it didn't want any spoilers, so it did not include Rey when it released the game in September. The toy maker says it will add the new piece this year.



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Amy Schumer's new boyfriend is hot

Big news! Everyone's pretend best friend — or, if you're lucky enough to be Jennifer Lawrence, your actual best friend — Amy Schumer has a new man in her life. And describing him will probably make you jealous: Schumer is reportedly dating Chicago-based custom-furniture maker Ben Hanisch, according to E! News.

So, you know, he's good with his hands and knows how to keep warm in the winter. Oh, and he's totally into being effusive about his lady, which is a definite plus. Hanisch posted a photo of him and Schumer early this week with the touching caption, "Sometimes in life you get extremely lucky, and the smartest, funniest, most beautiful woman comes



Schumer and boyfriend Ben Hanisch. INSTAGRAM/BENHANISCH

along when you least expect it. Here's to what adventures 2016 brings!"

Adorable. And apparently things are serious enough that he got to tag along to the White House this week with her. Are you overcome with jealousy yet? NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD

GOSSIP BRIEF

Malik missing his boys

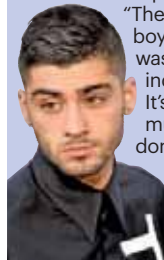
I'm pretty sure in the break-up narrative of Zayn Malik and One Direction, it was Malik who did the dumping. But that doesn't mean he can't still have feelings for the guys — or get a little bruised emotionally when members of the hugely successful boy band don't respond to his attempts to reach out. Because someone in the band — Harry Styles, Louis Tomlinson, Liam Payne or Niall Horan — has been sending Malik straight to voicemail.

"I had every intention of remaining friends with everybody, but I guess certain phone numbers have changed and I haven't received calls from a lot of people," a very wounded-sounding Malik tells Billboard. "I've reached out to a few of them and not got a reply. Certain people have pride issues, but it's stuff you overcome in time."

But since none of them are talking to him, Malik will have to settle for talking to a reporter. Turns out his biggest issue with his fellow X-Factor alums came down to taste in music.

"I genuinely enjoyed (the band) ... but it's just not where I sit as a musician," he explains.

"The other boys' taste was generally indie rock. It's good music, but I don't f—k with it." NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD



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While there are many great courses in the Dominican, the Teeth of the Dog, featuring seven spectacular oceanside holes, is indisputably the best, says Brian Kendall. PHOTOS BY CASA DE CAMPO

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1 Montreal instead of New Orleans

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2 Singapore over Dubai

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CFL

Stamps extend Tate

Quarterback Drew Tate has signed a contract extension with the Calgary Stampeders.

The 31-year-old from Baytown, Texas, returns for an eighth season with the CFL club.

Tate was the heir apparent to Calgary's starting job when the club dealt veteran Henry Burris to Hamilton in 2012, but multiple injuries limited Tate to just 153 completions over the next two seasons.

He was Bo Levi Mitchell's backup in both 2014 and 2015. Tate started the last regular-season game in 2015, completing 18 of 22 passes for 231 yards and two touchdowns in a 28-7 win over the B.C. Lions.

Tate has often been used in short-yardage situations and scored a league-high 10 rushing TDs in 2014.

"Quality and depth at the quarterback position is very important in the CFL and Drew is a big part of that for us," Stampeders GM John Hunfagel said in a statement. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Drew Tate GETTY IMAGES FILE

Plight of black hockey players examined in doc

FILM

Screening of Soul on Ice a part of NHL's diversity drive

As Damon Kwame Mason's childhood love of hockey reignited in his later years, he couldn't help but notice the lack of visible role models in the NHL.

"That burning question was always in my mind: 'How come there's not a lot of black players in this league up until now?'" recalled the Toronto native, who played organized hockey for two years and grew up idolizing Montreal Canadiens legend Guy Lafleur.

In *Soul on Ice: Past, Present & Future*, the filmmaker explores the involvement of black athletes in hockey from the minors to the NHL. The award-winning documentary delves deeper into the legacy of players who broke racial barriers and overcame tremendous adversity to leave their mark on the game.

Damon will join NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and Capitals owner Ted Leonsis at a private screening of the film in Washington on Wednesday. Retired NHL stars Grant Fuhr, Anson Carter, Kevin Weekes and Willie O'Ree — the first black hockey player in the NHL — are among the invited guests.



Filmmaker Damon Kwame Mason is pictured at a Toronto community rink as he promotes his documentary *Soul On Ice*. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The event will serve as the launch for a variety of NHL activities coinciding with Black History Month in February, and continuing through March with Hockey Is For Everyone Month.

Mason was inspired to further explore the history of black hockey players after moving in 2005 to Edmonton, where he worked as a radio announcer. He befriended members of the

“What example is better for our youth than to be a winner and to persevere through adversity.”

Damon Kwame Mason

Oilers, including now-retired Georges Laraque, with whom he co-hosted a show.

Mason learned of the Colored Hockey League of the Maritimes formed in Halifax in 1895 — 22 years before the NHL was born.

"I was floored, because at that time I was in my 30s and I thought to myself: 'If I don't know this information ... how many Canadians don't know

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this information? How many black Canadians don't know this information?"

The film also turns its lens on other trailblazers like Herb Carnegie, whom Mason interviewed just over a week before his death in 2012.

Carnegie suited up for the Quebec Aces and could have been the NHL's first black player. He was invited to the New York Rangers' training camp in 1948, and was offered chances to play with the team's farm club — which he turned down because the pay was too low, citing discrimination.

Also featured are NHL players like Wayne Simmonds of the Philadelphia Flyers and Joel Ward of the San Jose Sharks. Despite increased diversity at the NHL level, neither have been immune from discriminatory acts.

Simmonds had a banana thrown at him during a pre-season game in London, Ont., in 2011. And while playing for the Capitals, Joel Ward was subjected to racial slurs on Twitter after his overtime goal eliminated the Boston Bruins from the 2012 Stanley Cup playoffs.

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Adrian Peterson led the NFL in rushing in 2015 after missing 15 games in the 2014 season due to child abuse charges.

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'This means a lot'

NFL

Vikings RB Peterson knows all about playoff scarcity

The Minnesota Vikings head into the playoffs looking like a team on the rise, with a second-year head coach pushing the right buttons, a 23-year-old quarterback still figuring things out and a young, fast, aggressive defence that only figures to get better.

For all those reasons, the optimism is high that Sunday's game against Seattle will be the first of many playoff appearances for the Vikings, the next step in their journey from rebuild-

ing to competitor to contender.

Adrian Peterson knows better. The 30-year-old running back was 25 once. He remembers his first trip to the playoffs in 2009 and thinking of the chances that would follow. He has played only three playoff games since and watched his career career into the ditch in 2015 when he missed 15 games while addressing child abuse charges.

So no matter what path the franchise appears to be on, no matter how much momentum seems to be building as the new core comes together, Peterson knows moments like

Sunday are to be savoured.

"Here we are now, 2016. Here I am, 30," Peterson said after practice Thursday. "I don't know how much longer I'm going to play."

"So the sense of urgency is definitely there on behalf of us. That's why we've kind of been coaching the young guys to be prepared and not take it for granted."

Widely considered one of the best players of his generation, Peterson saw his image and his march up the career rushing ladder take a serious hit last season when it was revealed that he whipped his

four-year-old son with a wooden switch. He sat out nearly the entire season, fought with the NFL over his punishment and the Vikings over his future with the team, before ultimately returning to Minnesota.

And after all that, Peterson still led the NFL in yards rushing with 1,485 and scored 11 touchdowns to help the Vikings (11-5) win the NFC North.

He did not practise on Wednesday or Thursday to rest a back injury but vowed to be ready to go for his first playoff game in four years.

"Just sitting back thinking about it, I didn't imagine it would take this long to be in the post-season (again)," Peterson said. "This means a lot."

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Seattle already stopped Peterson once this season, holding him to 18 yards on eight carries in Week 13.

NFL

Titans' Watt amped up for playoffs



Tennessee defensive end J.J. Watt GETTY IMAGES

J.J. Watt has had plenty of great games for the Texans.

And as Houston looks to end Kansas City's 10-game winning streak in the wild-card round of the playoffs, it can take comfort in this: Some of the star defensive end's best games have come in the post-season.

In four playoff games, Watt has five sacks, 17 tackles, three batted passes and an interception return for a touchdown.

His most notable playoff performance came as a rookie in the 2011 season in Houston's first post-season game against

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Watt led the NFL with 17-1/2 sacks to join Reggie White as the only players in NFL history to have three 15-sacks in their first five years in the league.

Cincinnati. The game was tied 10-10 when Watt swatted down a pass, grabbed his first career interception and returned it for a touchdown to give Houston the

lead in a 31-10 win.

Watt was also good in Houston's only other playoff win, which was also against Cincinnati in the wild-card round a year later. He had five tackles, a sack and swatted down two passes in the 19-10 victory.

"It's the goal to get to the playoffs and then to take it from there. So all you can do is take it one game at a time," he said. "So it's a great opportunity for us to go out there in front of our home crowd, fly around, have some fun and enjoy ourselves."

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IN BRIEF

Ovi just three shy of 500

Alex Ovechkin scored his 497th goal, Braden Holtby stopped 34 shots to keep up his stellar play and the NHL-leading Washington Capitals beat the New York Islanders

4-1 Thursday night.

Jason Chimera, Nate Schmidt and Nicklas Backstrom also scored to help Washington reach 63 points as the first team with 30 wins. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada



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Prep time: overnight

Serves 6

Ingredients

- 1 loaf of brioche, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 8 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 tsp freshly grated lemon peel
- 1/8 tsp allspice
- 1/8 tsp cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 2 cups fresh blueberries
- 1 tsp butter, for greasing the dish

Directions

1. Grease a 9- by 13-inch casserole dish. Slice your brioche into 1-inch cubes and place in the dish.
2. In a large mixing bowl, whisk eggs, milk, sugar, lemon zest, allspice, cinnamon and salt. Pour this mixture over the bread. Gently stir the bread cubes and egg mixture in the dish, making sure to press the bread down so it's coated in egg. Then stir in the blueberries so they are scattered throughout the dish. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.
3. Remove the dish from the refrigerator and allow it to rest for a few minutes. Pre-heat the oven to 350 F.
4. Place the dish in the centre of the oven to bake to bake for 35 to 40 minutes, until the bread is lightly browned and the eggy mixture is bubbling.
5. Slice and serve with warm maple syrup or agave nectar.

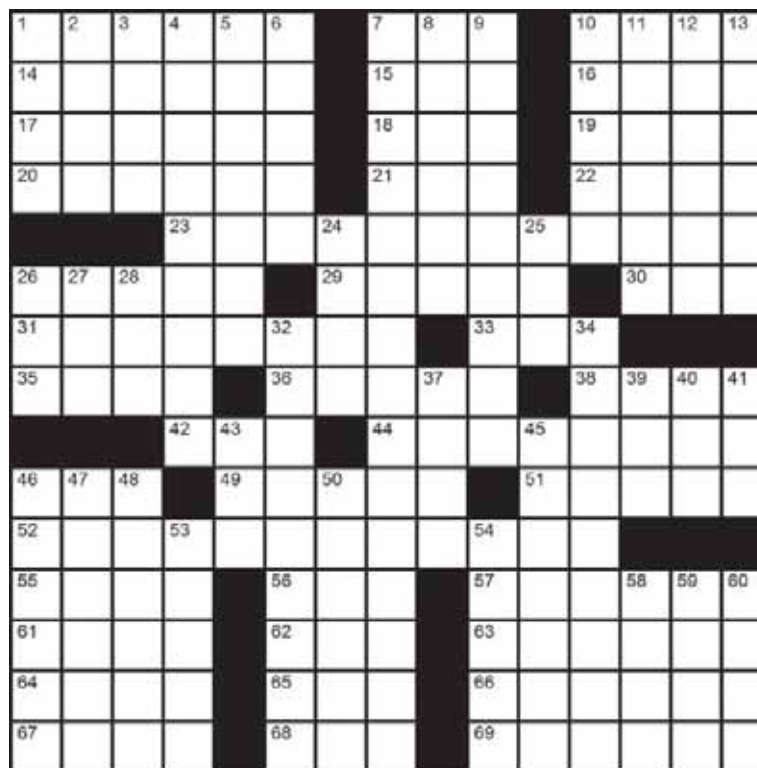
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17. President Ronald
18. "Who am I say?"
19. ___-drop
20. Medieval silk fabric
21. Male mortal
22. Military cap
23. Office name/number jotter-downer: 2 wds.
26. Mythical wife scorned by Jason
29. Comics photo-journalist Jimmy
30. Jessie J's "Who You ___"
31. Tom Selleck's 1980s series: 2 wds.
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35. "Now!"
36. James ___ (Canadian violin virtuoso)
38. Alias acronyms
42. Manfred Mann hit: "___ La La"
44. ___-oats (Breakfast serving)
46. Whiz
49. TSN's "That's Hockey ___" (NOTE: Answer has a number in it!)
51. Eyries
52. Users of this invention by Hamilton



businessman Ron Foxcroft include pro sports associations and coast guards: word + number + word

61. Love antonym
62. 'Brain' suffix
63. 2002 Atom Egoyan film
64. Sarah McLachlan song
65. Edmonton transport service [acronym]
66. Western Ontario township on

Agimak Lake
67. Chemist's table salt
68. Mr. Asner's
69. Scotland's famous Loch, and others

DOWN

1. Stock units [abbr.]

2. ___ knot
3. Singer Mr. Lambert
4. Some military units
5. Le ___ (Montreal-founded fashion chain)
6. Perfects
7. Wild feelings:

- 2 wds.
8. Labels anew
9. You and only you: 3 wds.
10. Smirnoff product
11. Discoverer's exclamation!
12. Bellyacher
13. Aim
24. Student, e.g.
25. Heavy wts.
26. ___&___ (Chocolate treats)
27. Deplete
28. US film-makers org.
32. When that was happening...
34. Roy Rogers' wife who wrote the Western tune "Happy Trails": 2 wds.
37. French 'win-ters' opposite
39. The Sunshine Band singer's
40. Latin for 'or'
41. Toronto's Dundas, et al.
43. "Halloween ___": Twenty Years Later" (1998)
45. Magnify
46. Blanket type
47. "Escape (The Pina ___ Song)"
48. Strikingly unique
50. Gossiper's info starter...: 2 wds.
53. Avril Lavigne song: number + word
54. American rapper, ___
58. Periods
59. Rush
60. Jeanne d'Arc, et al.

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Aries March 21 - April 20
If something from your past catches up with you don't ignore it. This is a wonderful opportunity to make amends for something you did that you have always regretted. A simple "sorry" will most likely be enough.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
A couple things are going wrong — thanks to retrograde Mercury. Watch out where joint money matters are concerned, don't trust others more than you have to.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Your luck will change for the better but you need to look ahead and make plans. You also need to believe that you deserve it when good things come your way.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Don't start making claims and accusations that can't be backed up by facts. The planets warn you need to be extra careful.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Jupiter turns retrograde today so there's a real danger you'll go over the top. Careful that you don't waste all the good work you've done over the past few weeks, especially where your cashflow is concerned.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Not only are others being demanding but they also believe that you owe them whatever it is they desire. That's nonsense. If anything they owe you for being so easy-going and forgiving. Toughen up!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There is no need to push yourself, even though others may be urging you to do so. The planets say take it easy. You're entitled to some down time now and again.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you take a risk then try to make it one where, if you lose, it won't cost you an arm and a leg. Jupiter, planet of excess, is beginning one of its retrograde phases, so Lady Luck is unlikely to be on your side.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Most of your worries have no basis in reality, so stop thinking that the world is out to get you and get out into the world. Your thoughts create your reality. As you think, so you are.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may be tough but you are not invincible and you need to keep that in mind. With Jupiter, planet of luck, turning retrograde you may find that your path isn't as easy as it has been.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You seem to be anxious about something that just a short while ago you would not have wasted a moment's time on. Overrule your anxiety as good things will be coming your way.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
If you allow yourself to get angry today you will probably say things you regret. Both in your personal life and in your work you must think before you speak. Engage your brain before you open your mouth.

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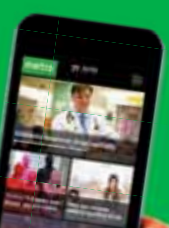
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